



**GOVERNING BOARD AGENDA ITEM
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10**

DATE OF MEETING: May 7, 2019

TITLE: Resolution of the Governing Board Recognizing the Contributions of Teachers and Educational Professionals in the District and Setting May 6 - 10, 2019 as "Teacher and Educational Professionals Appreciation Week" and Tuesday, May 7, 2019 as "Teacher and Educational Professionals Day"

BACKGROUND:

National Teacher Appreciation Week has been designated as such by the National PTA in cooperation with the NEA for decades. Observance of such recognition has been celebrated by schools across the country in one form or another since 1944. This year, National PTA "Teacher Appreciation Week" will be May 6-10, 2019 with "National Teacher Day" being observed on Tuesday, May 7, 2019.

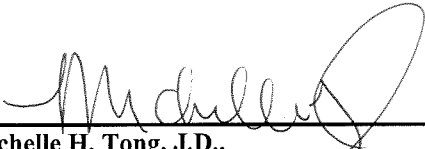
The contributions of teachers, nurses and other professional employees are of course to be appreciated every day, but focusing a celebration of their efforts on specific dates can crystalize that appreciation and serve to remind everyone how much these personnel do for students and, in turn, our community as a whole. Therefore, Administration recommends that the Governing Board acknowledge a week of recognition consistent with that set by the National PTA, but use that week to recognize teachers and the other educational professionals who work together to impact the lives of our students so positively. It is recommended that the Governing Board recognize the week of May 6-10, 2019 as "Teacher and Educational Professionals Appreciation Week" and Tuesday, May 7, 2019 as "Teacher and Educational Professionals Day."

A resolution has been prepared to recognize their contributions.

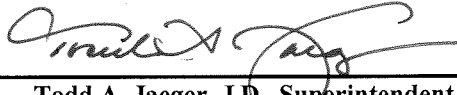
RECOMMENDATION:

The Administration recommends the Board's adoption and dissemination of the attached form of resolution.

INITIATED BY:


Michelle H. Tong, J.D.,
Associate to the Superintendent and General Counsel

Date: April 29, 2019


Todd A. Jaeger, J.D., Superintendent

**A RESOLUTION OF THE GOVERNING BOARD OF
AMPHITHEATER UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 10
OF PIMA COUNTY, ARIZONA,
RECOGNIZING THE SPECIAL CONTRIBUTIONS
OF TEACHERS AND EDUCATIONAL PROFESSIONALS**

WHEREAS, the Amphitheater Unified School District (“the District”) exists for the purpose of providing a free public education to Arizona children;

WHEREAS, the Governing Board is charged with the supervision and governance of the District, including the authority to employ persons necessary to carry out the purpose of the District;

WHEREAS, the quality of education received by District students is directly attributable to the dedication, effort and talents of the District’s teachers and other professional employees who provide instruction and related services to students;

WHEREAS, teachers, counselors, school nurses, therapists and other professional staff teach, guide and nurture our community's children every day;

WHEREAS, these educators work endless hours to ensure that students obtain the knowledge, skills, values, experiences, and foundations necessary to become an effective and beneficial citizen of the community;

WHEREAS, these educators work directly with students to instill the qualities and skills that this Governing Board determined in its Portrait of a Graduate to be important to develop in all students who earn a diploma from the Amphitheater school district.

WHEREAS, everyone in society has benefitted from a teacher’s dedication, devotion, instruction, and enterprise, yet there still remains no major campaign to encourage our communities to regularly thank our teachers;

WHEREAS, schools, parents and students across the country celebrate the contributions of teachers, specifically, with Teacher and Educational Professionals Appreciation Week and Teacher and Educational Professionals Day;

WHEREAS, the National Parent and Teachers Organization and the National Education Association have traditionally called for teacher recognition on an annual basis and have done so again in 2019, by designating May 6 - 10, 2019 as “Teacher and Educational Professionals Appreciation Week” and Tuesday, May 7, 2019 as “Teacher and Educational Professionals Day”;

WHEREAS, the Governing Board sincerely believes that the appreciation of all school district staff should be ongoing and not limited to one day or week per year, but also recognizes the value of annually capturing public attention on a particular day; and

WHEREAS, the focus and attention of the public can be maximized by the coordination of District recognition activities for teachers and other professional employees consistent with national observances of the same;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Amphitheater Unified School District Governing Board that the District hereby recognizes the special contributions which teachers and educational professionals of the District make every day, but sets apart the week of May 6 - 10, 2019 as "Teacher and Educational Professionals Appreciation Week" and Tuesday, May 7, 2019 as "Teacher and Educational Professionals Day".

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED by the Governing Board that it urges Congress to establish a permanent day of recognition for teachers and educational professionals, reflecting the unique and vital role our educators have played and continue to play in the development of our future citizens and thereby the preservation and advancement of our Union;

The Governing Board invites other school district governing boards to join them in this celebration of the special contributions of professional district employees.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Governing Board this 7th day of May, 2019.

Governing Board Members:

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